

Sermon: God & Me

Title: God & Me: Discovering Intimacy in the Divine Connection

Introduction:

- **The longing for connection:** We all have a deep desire for meaningful connection. Often, we seek fulfillment in worldly relationships, only to be left feeling that something is still missing.
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- **A different kind of connection:** Our relationship with God offers a depth of connection beyond anything the world can provide. It's a haven where we are fully known, unconditionally loved, and divinely guided.

Point 1: Who is God?

- **A God of love:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
- **A God of forgiveness:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)
- **A God of presence:** "The Lord your God is with you, the mighty warrior who saves." (Zephaniah 3:17)
- **Omniscient (all-knowing):** "He reveals deep things from darkness and brings light to deepest shadow; he exposes motives in the light of day." (Job 37:16)
- **Omnipotent (all-powerful):** "For with God nothing is impossible." (Luke 1:37)
- **Faithful:** "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God who keeps covenant loyalty to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments." (Deuteronomy 7:9)
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Point 2: Who Am I?

- **Created in God's image:** "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

- **Loved unconditionally:** "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1)
- **Imperfect, yet forgiven:** "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- **Unique and valuable:** "For you are fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are your works; my soul knows that very well." (Psalm 139:14)
- **Destined for purpose:** "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)
- **Can overcome challenges:** "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)
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Point 3: Strengthening the God & Me Connection

- **Prayer:** "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
[Discuss the power of prayer— honest conversation with God]
- **Scripture:** "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)
[Emphasize how scripture speaks to our lives and reveals God's character]
- **Worship:** "Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." (Psalm 95:2) *[Highlight the importance of expressing gratitude and adoration]*
- **Seeking wisdom:** "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (James 1:5)
- **Meditation:** "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him." (Psalm 62:1)
- **Service:** "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." (Colossians 3:23)

Conclusion:

- **Relationship over rules:** Christianity isn't about adhering to rigid laws but about nurturing an intimate bond with a loving God.
- **Journey of transformation:** This relationship will change us— refining our character and drawing us closer to the divine heart.
- **Invitation:** Will you choose a deeper connection with God today? He is waiting, arms open wide.

Call to Action:

- Suggest tangible next steps, such as starting a prayer journal, exploring a Bible study, or finding a supportive faith community.

Additional Notes:

- **Personalize:** Share your own experiences and testimonies about your relationship with God.
- **Tailor to Audience:** Consider the background of your congregation and adjust language and examples accordingly.
- **Allow for the Spirit:** Remain open to the Holy Spirit's guidance so your words can resonate with your listeners.

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